

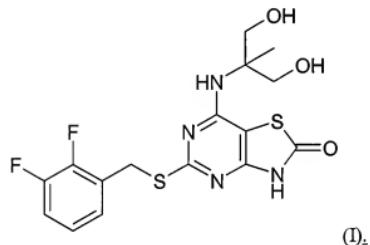
Amendments to the Claims:

No amendments to the claims are being made. This listing of claims is for the convenience of the Examiner.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

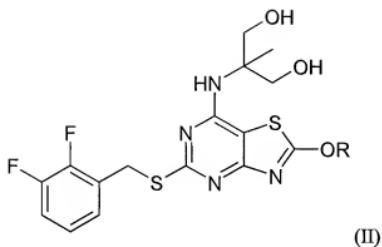
Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A monosodium salt of the compound of formula (I):



2-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) of claim 1, which comprises reaction of a compound of formula (II):



where R is C₁₋₆ alkyl with an acid,
and thereafter forming a monosodium salt.

10-18. (Cancelled).